

**Community Energy Scotland
8th Annual General Meeting,
2nd March, Talla na Mara, Pairc Niseaboist, West Harris**

Members Present –

Alex John Murray (<i>Upper Bayble Community Trust</i>)	Gwen Barrell (<i>Knoydart Renewables / CES Chair</i>)
Angus Macdonald (<i>Knock & Swordale Community Company</i>)	Iain Maciver (<i>Stornoway Trust</i>)
Angus McCormack (<i>Point & Sandwick Development Trust</i>)	Ivan Brown (<i>Urras Oighreachd Bharabhais</i>)
Carola Bell (<i>Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn/ CES Director</i>)	Jen Ellis (<i>Pairc Trust</i>)
David Cameron (<i>Community Land Scotland</i>)	Kenny John MacIennan (<i>Carloway Estate Trust</i>)
David Green (<i>Ness Sports and Recreation Association</i>)	Ken Roddy Mackay (<i>Kinloch Historical Society</i>)
Donald J Macsween (<i>Point & Sandwick Development Trust</i>)	Murdo Maciver (<i>Tolsta Community Development Ltd</i>)
Duncan Macpherson (<i>West Harris Trust</i>)	William Mansfield- Townsend (<i>Gallan Head Community Trust</i>)
Eddie Macgregor (<i>Upper Bayble Community Trust</i>)	

Directors' Apologies – David Somervell, Donald Boyd, Nigel Holmes and Philip Revel

Community Energy Scotland staff present:

Nicholas Gubbins (*CEO*)
Kathleen MacDonald (*Development Officer Western Isles*)
Kirsten Macdonald (*Innovation Development Officer Western Isles*)
Mark Hull (*Head of Innovation*)
Marion O'Hara (*Company Secretary*)

1. Chair's Report

Chair, Gwen Barrell, warmly welcomed Members to Community Energy Scotland's 8th AGM convened at the West Harris Trust's impressive new Community Enterprise Centre in the spectacular setting of Pairc Niseaboist. With 17 Members in attendance, the Chair declared the meeting quorate. The Chair circulated copies of the charity's Annual Review 2015-16 which outlined the wide of range of development projects and policy activity during that period. She thanked the CES board and staff for all their hard work over this period despite some major challenges for community energy in the external environment. She also thanked Members for their continued support over the year.

2. Confirmation of Minute of Annual General Meeting 8th December 2015

The unconfirmed minute of the previous AGM held on 8th December 2015 held in Inverness had previously been circulated to board and Members following that AGM. The Chair invited any Member present at the previous AGM to confirm this minute as a true record of what took place at the meeting. Carola Bell who had attended this meeting proposed that the minute be confirmed as a true record of the meeting and this was seconded by Gwen as Chair in attendance.

2. Consideration of Annual Accounts 2015-16

These accounts were circulated at the meeting and had also been published on Community Energy Scotland's website. CEO Nicholas Gubbins advised that the response from the auditors was that the company's accounts were too complicated and too detailed. The overall position both last financial year and this year was that the charity was struggling to cover its running costs and remained entirely dependent on grant funding. Although the organisation now owns a third share in a windfarm in Berwickshire, it is likely to be at least another year before CES's trading subsidiary, CES Trading, will receive any income from this windfarm development and we look forward to the time when CES will have more stability through receiving these funds towards at least some of its core operational costs. Approval of these Annual Accounts was duly proposed by David Green and seconded by Eddie MacGregor.

3. Election of Directors

Elected Directors

The Chair confirmed that there was a requirement for two Elected Directors to stand down at each AGM. On this occasion it was Elected Directors Carola Bell and David Newman who were required to stand down, as longest since elected and re-elected. Carola had been nominated by Urras Oighreachd Ghabhsainn to serve for a further period on the board. David had indicated that he was not seeking re-election and was duly retiring from the board. Gwen wished to record formal thanks to David on behalf of the board, Members and staff for his valued contribution to the organisation since joining the CES board in November 2013. A second nomination had also been received from the Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust for Alan Hobbett who had previously served on the CES board. Both Alan and Carola were duly elected and re-elected onto the board.

Co-opted Directors

There is a requirement for all Co-opted Directors to stand down at each AGM and all three Co-opted Directors, Angus Hardie, Nigel Holmes and David Somervell, stood down. The appointment of Co-opted Directors will take place at the next CES board meeting shortly to be held on 8th March 2017.

4. Appointment of Auditors 2016-17

Following the appointment of MacKenzie Kerr as the company's chosen auditors in 2016, CES' Finance Officer who supervises the audit recommended reappointing MacKenzie Kerr to carry out audit of the company's accounts for the financial year 2016/17. This was duly agreed by Members.

5. AOCB

Company Secretary, Marion O'Hara, confirmed that the charity had succeeded in attracting its 400th Member which was Gallan Head Community Trust. A representative from the Trust, William Mansfield-Townsend, was in attendance at the AGM and Marion duly presented a certificate and small gift to William as CES' 400th Member.

The Chair thanked Members and staff for attending this AGM, extended good wishes for the year ahead and duly brought the meeting to a close at 13.15.

Marion O'Hara
7 March 2017